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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. U.S. Patent No. 4,851,792 issued to Ochiai on July 25, 1989;
- B. German Patent Application Publication No. 100 50 641 published by the German Patent Office on April 19, 2001; and
- C. U.S. Patent No. 6,040,744 issued to Sakurai on March 21, 2000.

The above-listed prior art, A – C are all cited in the European Search Report of September 28, 2006 to the EPC Application No. EP 04 77 1150 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. Though the prior art B is not in the English language, the Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of As along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for this non-English language prior art is satisfied and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein.

It is, therefore, hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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